



BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006

Prairie , Montana [30079]

Prairie is one of 56 counties in Montana. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2006 population of 1,062 ranked 53rd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Prairie had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$26,585. This PCPI ranked 31st in the state and was 86 percent of the state average, \$30,790, and 72 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected a decrease of 7.4 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.5 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Prairie was \$18,574 and ranked 19th in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Prairie had a total personal income (TPI) of \$28,233*. This TPI ranked 52nd in the state and accounted for 0.1 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Prairie was \$23,571* and ranked 50th in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected a decrease of 8.9 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 6.8 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 1.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Prairie. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 48.1 percent of TPI (compared with 51.1 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 26.3 percent (compared with 26.8 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 25.7 percent (compared with 22.1 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings decreased 21.2 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 7.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.7 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 1.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 1.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 3.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Prairie decreased from \$18,027* in 2005 to \$14,584* in 2006, a decrease of 19.1 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.7 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$12,081* to the 2006 estimate was 1.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.0 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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